

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims, as presented by this Response, are set out below:

1. (currently amended) A self-checkout system comprising:

a conveyor having a drive roller comprising a hollow cylinder for housing a motor and including a knurled surface;

a first side support rail;

a second side support rail spaced apart from said first side support rail and positioned substantially parallel thereto;

at least one motor mount affixed to at least one of said first side support rail and said second side support rail at a respective first end thereof;

a return roller positioned at a second end of said first side support rail and said second side support;

a tracking guide provided adjacent at least one end of at least one of said drive roller and said return roller; and

a conveyor belt.

2. (currently amended) The system driver roller according to claim 1, wherein said knurled surface comprises a plurality of raised surface portions extending from a first end of said driver roller to a second end of said driver roller.

3. (currently amended) A self-checkout system comprising ~~The drive roller according to claim 1, wherein said driver roller comprises a metal:~~

a conveyor having a driver roller comprising a hollow cylinder for housing a motor and including a knurled surface;

a first side support rail;

a second side support rail spaced apart from said first side support rail and positioned substantially parallel thereto;

a first motor mount affixed to said first side support rail at a first end of said first side support rail;

a second motor mount affixed to said second side support rail at a first end of said first support rail;

a return roller positioned at a second end of said first side support rail and said second side support rail;

a pair of first tracking guides provided adjacent both ends of said drive roller;

a pair of second tracking guides provided adjacent both ends of said return roller; and

a conveyor belt.

4. (currently amended) The system driver roller according to claim 3, wherein said knurled surface comprises a plurality of raised surface portions extending from a first end of said driver roller to a second end of said driver roller ~~said metal comprises a steel alloy.~~

5. (currently amended) A self-checkout system comprising ~~The drive roller according to claim 3, wherein said metal comprises an aluminum alloy;~~

a conveyor having a ~~A~~ drive roller provided at one end comprising a hollow cylinder for housing a motor and including a knurled surface;

a return roller positioned at a second end of said conveyor;

a tracking guide provided adjacent at least one end of at least one of said drive roller and said return roller; and

a conveyor belt.

6. (currently amended) The system ~~drive roller~~ according to claim 5 ~~±~~, wherein said ~~drive roller comprises a polymer material~~ knurled surface comprises a plurality of raised surface portions extending from a first end of said driver roller to a second end of said driver roller ~~said metal comprises a steel alloy.~~

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